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Yoshihiro FUKANO

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004,
please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims appear on pages 2 to 5 of this
paper, with the applicant's REMARKS commencing on page 6.